

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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## **October 1 deadline for Disabled Veterans**

**Exemption:** The Assessment Office is reminding honorably discharged veterans and active duty military persons that they may be eligible for exemptions. The filing period is February 1 through October 1 of each year.

Veterans and active duty military persons may be entitled to additional exemptions if their income does not exceed \$35,200 for a single person and \$42,900 for married couple for the State program.

West Hartford also offers a local exemption program and the income limits are \$60,200 for a single person and \$67,900 for a married couple. The exemption is an assessment reduction of \$10,000 or 10% of assessed value, whichever is greater. Resident veterans who already filed with the town for their exemption, do not need to file again. For more information, visit the [Assessment Office website](#) or call 561-7414.

**Be Prepared!** In the past two months alone, we have witnessed hurricane disasters around the world. During National Preparedness Month, the Town reminds residents that there is no better time than right now to be prepared.

[Get Ready Capitol Region](#) website offers information on how to:

- \* Make a plan that can help you and your family to reunite, communicate, take shelter, or even evacuate, should a disaster strike.
- \* Assemble and store a kit that ensures you and your family can survive for at least three days on your own.
- \* Get important community news by signing up for West Hartford's [Community Advisory Notification System](#).

**Backpack Distribution:** Thanks to the generosity of the community, Social Services distributed backpacks and gift cards for school supplies to 688 students during its Back-to-School program. Last year 651 students participated in the event. There are plenty of

backpacks and gift cards to serve additional students in need. Call 860-561-7561.

**Tutors needed:** The Hillcrest Neighborhood Outreach Center is looking for high school and adult tutors on Monday through Thursday, 3:45-5:30 PM, during the school year. Volunteers will work with K-8 students. HANOC asks for a commitment of at least one day a week for a minimum of three months. To apply, please call [Candace Czajkowski](#), Volunteer Coordinator, at (860) 561-7564.

## **Tom Moore receives the Build No Fences**

**Award:** The Bridge Family Center presented Superintendent of Schools Tom Moore with the annual Build No Fences award at its 'Breakfast on the Bridge' event held today, September 12, recognizing his strong moral compass and leadership that go above and beyond for our community. The award is presented annually to an individual who sees no boundaries while working collaboratively with child advocates in an effort to support young people and their families.

**Firefighters hold special event for MDA:** The 9th Annual Firefighters Grill & Beer Tasting event will be held on Saturday, September 23, 5:00-9:00 PM, on the front lawn of Town Hall.

This event has become the fire department's signature fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and has evolved into a fun family activity too. "You will see kids dancing to the live music of Fatgrip, a West Hartford-based rock band," said event organizer Firefighter Ryan Shea.

The event is sponsored by the West Hartford Firefighters Local 1241 and McLadden's West Hartford. All proceeds benefit MDA. [Click here for event details.](#)

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